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- * The Weber-Morgan Community USIIS Outreach committee held its first meeting to begin the implementation of the USIIS system in the community. The committee is comprised of representatives from the medical society, private physician offices, local and state health departments, community health centers, schools, and a pharmaceutical company. Christine Eggert, a longtime supporter of immunizations and chairperson of the Northern Utah "Every Child by Two" Immunization Coalition, volunteered to lead the USIIS outreach campaign in the Weber-Morgan area. Call Christine Perfili, 801-538-6185.
- * The KIDS (Kids Immunization Database System) Design/User Group met on August 24. All requested functions for KIDS 1.1 were implemented except for adolescent immunization forecasting. WebKIDS 1.1 has been developed with most of the functionality of KIDS. The design group will transform itself into a user group and meet twice a year to give advice to the USIIS program from the user's perspective. Call Sandy Schulthies, 538-6114.
- * USIIS Technical Team focused on turning-up the system performance. A Java plug-in software was developed and added to the WebKIDS application. Users can download and upgrade the "Java plug-in" on their PC if the version of their PC's Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is lower than 1.1.3. A performance comparison between using the Oracle or WebLogic application servers for WebKIDS was conducted as well. USIIS decided to migrate the WebKIDS application from the UDOH UNIX machine to the Web application server operated by the State Information Technology Services to improve the WebKIDS's performance. Call Wu Xu, 538-7072.
- * Schools' immunization record exchange with USIIS has been put on hold. The State Department of Education has been evaluating the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the USIIS and school districts under the guidance of the federal law (FERPA). Call Linda Abel, 538-6905.
- * Uintah County the first county is fully connected to the USIIS. Ashley Valley Pediatrics was connected to USIIS using the KIDS application on August 9. The Vernal Public Health Clinic has been sending immunization information to USIIS for several months. These two clinic sites complete the connection of immunization providers in Uintah County to USIIS. Call Sandy Schulthies, 538-6114.
- * A pamphlet for parents describing the USIIS was developed. Strategic Solutions tested the pamphlet with parents in prenatal classes at selected hospitals and at the Teen Mom program to determine if it adequately answers parent's questions about the USIIS and if the reading level is appropriate. Call Christine Perfili, 538-6185.
- * WebKIDS and WebKIDS Lite, USIIS Internet applications, have been used by 121 authorized users among 27 sites as of August 31, 2000.

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